

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1989 Reeve, S.A., et. al.
An Archeological and Historical Survey of Myrtle Point, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Route 347 Realty Corporation
Library ID No: 00006457 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 74

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18ST569 18ST570

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		The Thomas Point and Myrtle Point sites were first identified during a Phase I archaeological survey of the 211-acre Patuxent River Farms/Route 347 Realty Corporation property conducted from the summer of 1986 through the spring of 1987. Work was conducted ahead of proposed construction of an intensive townhouse, single family residential, and recreational development.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate historic and prehistoric sites in the areas of potential impact

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST569.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST570.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Herbert, J.M.

Thomas Point: Emerging Late Woodland Traditions in Southern Maryland.
Submitted to Route 347 Realty Corporation
Library ID No: 00006528 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 145

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum,
Maryland Historical Trust
10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, Maryland 20685

Sites examined:

18ST570

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In 1987 and 1988 Phase II and Phase III investigations were conducted at the Thomas Point site (18ST570) ahead of a proposed large-scale residential development. During the initial Phase I study, the site was determined culturally significant for its potential to yield intact subsurface features.
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Determine the site boundaries
-Locate any undisturbed buried components
-Provide a representative sample of the stratigraphy and artifact assemblages from the area of the site which was planned for development

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST570.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1994 Herbert, J.M.

Prehistoric Settlement at the Myrtle Point Site and the Structure of Low Density Lithic Assemblages Along the Lower Patuxent River, Maryland.
Submitted to Route 347 Realty Corporation
Library ID No: 00006544 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 161

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum,
Maryland Historical Trust
10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18ST569

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III ☒

Project Justification:

It was determined that a proposed residential development would severely impact the Myrtle Point site (18ST569). Therefore, from 1987 through 1989 Phase II and Phase III investigations were conducted at the site. A focus of the original report was the analysis and distribution of lithic artifacts.

Project Objectives:

-Evaluate the archeological resources at the site

-Integrate this information into the larger body of archeological data and theory developed for the Patuxent River drainage

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST569.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1991 Ballweber, H.L. and R.L. Michael
Preliminary Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Washington Gas Light Company
Patuxent Pipeline and Gate Station, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, Maryland, Part II-
Patuxent Pipeline.
Submitted to Washington Gas Light Company

Library ID No: 00000263

Catalog/Shelving ID: CV 45

Research Firm/Institution:

NPW Consultants, Inc.
R.D. 6 Box 280
Uniontown, PA 15401

Sites examined:

18ST569

18ST570

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

An intensive survey of 18ST569 and 18ST570 was undertaken in 1990 ahead of construction of the proposed Washington Gas Light Company Patuxent Pipeline installation. The original plans indicated that construction would impact both of the sites.

Project Objectives:

-Find all of the cultural resources which may be impacted by the proposed construction

Research Potential:

Relatively few systematically excavated sites on the lower Patuxent have produced diagnostic material from datable contexts. The Myrtle Point site (18ST569) is significant because it provides new data on regional chronology and settlement patterns. The artifactual evidence supports a theory of short-term occupations by small groups from the Early Archaic period through the Late Woodland period. The radiocarbon dates suggested that feature installation and the most intensive period of site occupation occurred during the Middle and Late Woodland periods. The character of the features indicated short-term and specific use, most likely restricted largely to shellfish processing. The proposed residential development of the late 1980's never became a reality but the pipeline project was completed with slight adverse affect to the site. The area where the site is located is currently the Myrtle Point Park, maintained by St. Mary's County, Maryland.

The data collected from the Thomas Point site (18ST570) indicated that the site was first occupied in the Late Archaic period (ca. 4,000-2,000 BC). More frequent re-occupation during the Middle Woodland period (ca. 200 BC-AD 900) was evidenced by the presence of Mockley sherds in the midden. Occupation intensified during the Late Woodland period (ca. AD 900-1600) as indicated by the formation of a continuous midden and the presence of associated artifact types. Increased sedentism associated with the Late Woodland period was reflected by food remains which indicated that maize agriculture was an integral part of the economy. Therefore, the Thomas Point site has yielded important information on the transition from the Middle to the Late Woodland periods. The proposed residential development of the late 1980's never became a reality but the pipeline project was completed with little adverse affect to the site. The area where the site is located is currently the Myrtle Point Park, maintained by St. Mary's County, Maryland.